



# ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION SPEAKER REGISTRATION REQUEST FORM

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**Name: Mary-Jane Pilgrim**

## **Biography:**

Mary-Jane Pilgrim joined the Peterborough Hort Society and the Peterborough Master Gardeners over 10 years ago and loves getting out and meeting other gardeners to "talk plants". The love of gardening is probably hereditary as she grew up in a large farm family with Dutch immigrant parents. She definitely was not a fan in those days of weeding rows and rows of vegetables, but loves the colour and fragrance of her garden today. MJ was the president of the society in Peterborough for the last 8 years and now serves as the Past President. She was also an assistant director for OHA District 4 in 2021-2023.

While not too applicable to this talk, she has a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics/Computer Science and a Master's degree in Educational Technology. She also enjoys cycling, playing squash and making/fixing stained glass windows.

**Depending on where the club is located, I do ask to be reimbursed for expenses and mileage. This is typically \$125-\$150 for clubs in the Peterborough area, however the cost will be higher for organizations farther than an hour's drive from my home (located in Lakefield).**

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**Home Location:** Lakefield, ON

**Please list the District & Society you belong to:**

**Society:** **Peterborough Horticultural Society**

**District:** 4

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## Topic List

For each entry, please list a topic from the list below, a title and a brief description noting any costs, restrictions, i.e. time of year, and any other special requirements.

**Choose a TOPIC from the following:**

Bulbs/Tubers	Gardening	Pollinators
Environment	Herbs	Propagating
Floral Design	Houseplants	Pruning
Fungi	Native Plants	Vegetables

Topic	Title	Description
Gardening	Basic Botany	A little latin, some discussion on plant families and classification, and a few skills to be able to determine a plant's family tree. (spoiler alert *quizzes*)
<b>Bulbs Tubers</b>	<b>Bulbs, Corms, Rhizomes &amp; Tubers</b>	<b>How do these garden elements differ? When should you plant? Dealing with squirrels and other pests. Forcing bulbs for more petal power!</b>
Gardening	Horticultural Trivia	A lighthearted but challenging evening of "test your memory" on all things horticulture. Great for challenging your group to put their knowledge to the test, either individually or in groups.
Gardening	Tips, Tricks & Slips	After many years and thousands of plants, I sometimes think I've seen it all — but I clearly haven't! Learn how to skip some of the biggest challenges and make your gardening journey a little easier.
<b>Gardening</b>	<b>Fertilizer 101</b>	<b>Fertilizing is an important step in maintaining the health of our plants. In order to grow and thrive, plants need essential nutrients typically found in the soil. What's NPK? Are fertilizers the gardeners "bandage"? A practical guide for flower and veggie gardeners alike.</b>
<b>Gardening</b>	<b>Financing Your Habit or Putting Your Garden to Work</b>	<b>Twenty-five years of plant sales and I'm happy to share what works and what doesn't for a successful plant sale.</b>
<b>Gardening</b>	<b>How Do They Do That?</b>	<b>How do they make weeping trees? What is and why would I buy a "standard" tree? What's up with grafting? What's a witch's broom? What is tissue</b>

		culture and why should I care? What's an espalier? Learn about horticultural techniques(?) at their finest.
Gardening	Garden Disasters!	Prepare. Survive. Thrive. In this talk, we'll address some of the common misfortunes: Japanese beetles, grubs, lily beetles, cute but menacing critters, and a bit about invasive plants.
Gardening	Garden Myths Debunked	Learn the facts behind some common folk wisdom to better your odds of gardening success. Many homegrown garden tricks simply don't live up to their hype when tested. Don't let these classic superstitions waste your time or harm your plants!
Gardening	Invasive Plants	Invasive plants are no joke! Many of having invasive plants growing in our yards and in our gardens. But what makes an invasive plant so bad? What harm do they actually cause? And what should we actually do about them to get rid of them? Let's talk.
Gardening	Christmas Gardening Trivia	A light-hearted horticulturally-related evening of fun with a Christmas theme and PRIZES.
Gardening	The Dirt on Soap and Home Remedies	Home recipes abound for ridding your garden of every single bug, but do we really think that's wise? What should we use for bugs that we know are not beneficial? A light-hearted look at nasty chemicals and what you may want to use instead.
Gardening	Launching Your Spring Masterpiece	Spring can be described as "So much to do, in so little time"! Take advantage of the late winter window to get your garden ready for an even more glorious spring.
Gardening	Things I Learned	A collection of facts about random bugs, plants, seeds, etc. Sure to amaze.
Gardening	Getting your Gardens ready for Winter	Although gardening is most closely associated with the sunny weather and colorful blooms of spring, this process is actually heavily influenced by actions gardeners take during the fall of the previous year.
Gardening	Planning a Successful Flower/Veggie Garden	A beautiful or productive garden takes time, effort, money and maintenance. Starting with a good plan can help cut down on all of those things. Thinking about your flower or veggie garden before getting to work can help!

## Files to add to listing:

I will bring my own macbook and also my PPTX file on a memory stick. I can bring my own projector if required.

## Authorization & Release

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**Signature:** *Mary-Jane Pilgrim*

**Date:** January 18, 2024